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The problem of repairing Soviet military vehicles is substantial and the efficiency and effectiveness of repair work are poor. One of the problems is that American vehicles, including trucks and jeeps, are still in wide use, but the replacement of defective parts is particularly difficult. Military units have their own avtobati (auto repair battalions) attached to them. The smallest military unit to have its own avtobat is not known Craftsmanship of repairmen is poor and there is an insufficient number of repair specialists, possibly because of the general lack of interest in that type of work. This is not necessarily a wartime characteristic, but one that persists in time of peace because of the desire of the Soviet Army mechanics to return to civilian life, where wages are much better.

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